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SUBJECT: CANDIDACY OF REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR FAO COUNCIL SEAT

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1. NEWLY ARRIVED KOREAN MINISTER LEE WON-HO, WHO WILL BE ONE OF THE KOREAN ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO FAO NOW THAT KOREAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ACCREDITED AS REPRESENTATIVE, CALLED FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9 ON U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO, WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN ACQUAINTED NINETEEN YEARS AGO IN SEOUL.

2. MINISTER LEE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF KOREA'S APPLICATION FOR FAO COUNCIL SEAT. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED HIM OF POSITION CONVEYED TO KOREAN GOVERNMENT BY DEPARTMENT (PARA 1 REFTEL). MINISTER LEE SAID THAT THEY ARE CONSULTING WITH ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP REGARDING KOREAN CANDIDACY. INDIA AND PAKISTAN HAVE FILED FOR RE-ELECTION, AND KOREA IS TRYING FOR THE NEW THIRD ASIAN SEAT EXPECTED TO COME UP IN THE ELECTIONS BY THE FAO CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER.

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3. KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED THEIR CANDIDACY WITH FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA, IN COURSE OF KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S RECENT CALL WHEN HE WAS ACCREDITED TO FAO. SAOUMA TOLD THEM VIET-NAM IS ALSO TRYING TO OBTAIN THAT SEAT.

4. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST HE HAD

HEARD OF THE VIETNAMESE CANDIDACY, BUT HE COMMENTED THAT IT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT NOT SO MUCH IN TERMS OF GOOD VIETNAMESE PROSPECTS AS IN TERMS OF ADVERSE EFFECTS ON THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S CANDIDACY. HE URGED KOREANS, IF THEY MAINTAIN THEIR CANDIDACY, NOT TO ATTACK THE VIETNAMESE CANDIDACY BUT SIMPLY TO PRESENT THEIR OWN CANDIDACY ON ITS OWN MERITS, AS A COUNTRY THAT HAS LONG PARTICIPATED CONSTRUCTIVELY IN FAO ACTIVITY. HE RECALLED THAT IN THE PREVIOUS FAO CONFERENCE IN 1975, THE KOREAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD RESPONDED QUITE EFFECTIVELY TO POLITICAL ATTACKS FROM CHINA, HUNGARY, AND GUINEA, BY MAKING ONLY A PRO FORMA REPLY AND ASSERTING THAT THIS FAO MEETING WAS NOT THE PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH POLITICAL DEBATES.

5. THE KOREANS EXPECT THEIR MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE TO ATTEND THE FAO CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER. HE IS SCHEDULED TO BE THE FIFTH SPEAKER IN THE PLENARY ON NOVEMBER 16, FOLLOWING SECRETARY BERGLAND, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO BE SECOND. THE KOREANS HAD PLANNED TO GIVE A RECEPTION THAT EVENING, BUT UPON LEARNING THAT THE UNITED STATES AND INDONESIA ARE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR THAT EVENING, ARE SHIFTING THEIR RECEPTION TO NOVEMBER 17. GARDNER

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